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*Response to Amendment*

Applicant's amendment filed April 30, 2002 has been thoroughly reviewed and considered by the examiner. In view of applicant's amendment, the rejection of claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and the objection of claims 5 and 13, as set forth in the prior Office action mailed January 2, 2002 are hereby withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 4-14 are allowed.

***Interference***

The investigation into the potential interference is continuing. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Kevin Lee at (703) 308-1025. The fax number is (703) 308-7766.

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